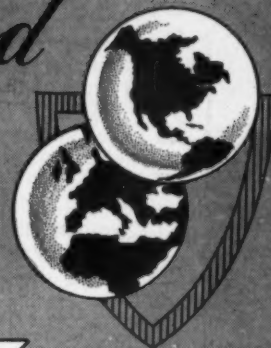
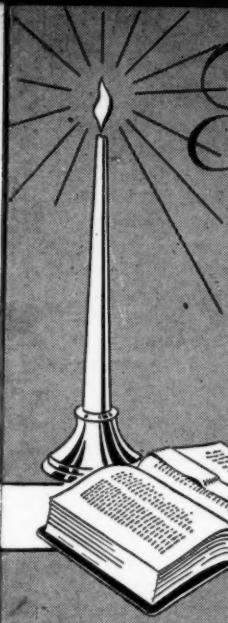


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*This church was erected this year, at a cost of approximately \$12,000. The church was organized here last November with only fifteen members. Now they have twenty-nine. Eighty-five hundred dollars has already been paid on their new church. Read fuller details on page two.*

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**DEATHS**

**ELLIS**

On the morning of June 13, at 12:20, Mrs. Mertia (J. B.) Ellis slipped away from this life to join her illustrious husband, who had preceded her to the home of the soul nine months and thirteen days before.

On June 14, 1891, they were united in the bonds of holy matrimony and throughout their fifty-five years of married life their devotion to each other was never surpassed.

When death took her husband, she was stricken with deep sorrow and loneliness, but when she was informed that her heart was growing weaker, she rejoiced, because death, the very thing that had separated her from her lover, would soon reunite them.

In all the sacrifices and successes that Rev. J. B. Ellis realized, those observing saw two—he and his faithful wife.

Surviving her are seven daughters, four sons, thirty-four grandchildren, and nineteen great grandchildren.

Her funeral was conducted at Foster's Chapel by her pastor, J. D. Bright, and Rev. W. A. Murphy. The Alabama City church feels keenly this loss of one of its dearest members.—J. D. Bright, pastor.

**BOYD**

Mrs. Shipley Boyd departed this life August 12, 1947. She was true, patient, kind, and always lived a beautiful Christian life. She was a member of the Church of God in Bristol for twenty-three years.

**COVER PAGE**

This beautiful permanent-type church building was erected by the little young church at Middle Valley, Tenn., this year. The church was

organized last November, with only fifteen members, but they were those with a vision. They had only four or five men, and all of them were not able to support the cause; but don't forget, they had a fine building-minded, determined-to-win pastor, and some faithful women and friends of the church, which made this construction possible. The church will cost approximately \$12,000 when it is completed, \$8,500 of which has been paid already. They have a large full-sized daylight basement, in which they plan to erect several Sunday School rooms, and modern conveniences.

The average attendance in Sunday School now is 116, and the church membership has reached 29. Reverend and Mrs. A. Gann, two of our aged ministers, are members there. Brother Gann is still a splendid teacher and has done his part. Brother Clyde Miller and others have been a great blessing to this work. By special permission, the Willing Workers' Band was organized before the church was set in order, with Mrs. C. P. Simpson, as president. These women are workers. They bought and paid cash for a beautiful Grand piano, and presented it to the church, which cost \$900, less the discount. All have worked. A crew of men worked all of New Year's Day, through the sleet and rain, without pay. This, may I say, is just another example of what people can do when they work together with the Lord. May God continue to bless this church and its courageous pastor, the Reverend L. W. Ledbetter.

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# U. M. T. Foreshadows Eclipse of Freedom

The House Armed Services Committee on July 25 approved a compulsory universal military training bill (H. R. 4278), which is now on the House Calendar subject to passage or rejection during the second session of the 80th Congress sometime in 1948.

The Bill follows closely the recommendations of President Truman's special commission on universal military training, and calls for six months of basic training in an Army or Navy establishment on the part of all qualified American males upon reaching the age of eighteen. After completion of the basic training, there will be required an equivalent of six months or more of training in either the National Guard, the ROTC, or some other reserve unit.

Boys still in high school, when they become eighteen, may obtain deferment until after graduation, but they must begin training before reaching twenty.

The bill follows closely the recommendation to supervise the entire military training program under a system of discipline less exacting and rigid than that applicable to the regular Armed Forces.

Such expressions as "sheer national necessity" and "survival insurance" against "future disaster" are used to bolster up the claims of those advocating peace-time military training. It is significant that they generally play up international crises with a view to giving the people a war scare.

Manifestly Germany, Japan, and Italy are not planning any attacks upon America. These nations will remain powerless to start wars for many years to come.

Only two nations could possibly wage large-scale warfare. They are our allies of World War II: England and Russia. Current dispatches from London indicate that England is on the brink of financial disaster, and faced with the need of reducing the size of her army. Granting that Russia has ample man power, she is without the ships and planes necessary to transport her troops to the North American continent. Furthermore, it must not be forgotten that Russia will be years recovering from the heavy losses sustained during World War II. Then, pray, where are

**By Dr. J. Raymond Schmidt  
General Superintendent,  
National Civic League**

the potential enemies against whom we must be prepared with a "military reserve of at least 4,000,000 men"?

Granting that such a formidable foe exists, there are plenty of military experts who believe the existence of the atomic bomb means that most methods employed during World War II will be obsolete at the beginning of the first major struggle in the atomic era. In other words, according to Hanson W. Baldwin, military editor of the *New York Times*, to give the American boys training in the military methods now in vogue will be a waste of time and money. When the atomic war bursts upon the world, our men, though formerly trained under U. M. T., will have to go through another training period to unlearn what they had been taught at eighteen, and start at the bottom mastering an entirely new technique in combating atomic force.

Now for a word about our fundamental objection to compulsory peace-time military training. Eighteen-year-old boys should be at home, and not in a military training camp, no matter how well it may be managed. Their morals cannot safely be trusted to the Army and Navy, judging by "the rate of venereal disease, which is six times as great in the Army, and seventeen times as great in the Navy, as in civilian life." One does not easily forget how the Army and Navy forced drink and vice on the boys who responded to their country's call during World War II.

But backers of H. R. 4278 will point to Section 374, which calls for punishment of trainees guilty of the possession of intoxicating liquor in violation of orders in camp, quarters, station, ship, or command.

There is not a word in the bill saying that beer will be banned. Some of us remember too well that during the recent war the War and Navy departments took over the job of distributing and selling beer to the boys in our Armed Forces. For proof, note these words of Kenneth Laird, whose business is handling beer advertising,

as spoken to a group of brewers early this year, and reported in the *Brewer's Journal*: "Ten million GI's have learned to know and to like beer much earlier than they would have done as civilians. Beer has an increased social standing. These factors combine to make good business in the future. For five years there has been no need to sell. Uncle Sam has been your sales manager and the best you ever had."

Compulsory peace-time military training can mean only that our statesmen have very little faith that the United Nations can prevent future wars. When we start training millions of young men, the movement to militarize the entire world will be under way. Because America has adopted universal conscription and launched a mighty military machine to go with it, every nation upon the earth, small and great, will feel compelled to fall in line and be ready to go to war on a moment's notice. There can be but one result: all the peoples of the earth reduced to slavery by the frightful cost of the armament race we have precipitated.

Once this bill calling for a mild form of military training is enacted into law, it will be possible of amendment over and over again, until there will be little lacking to place our system on a par with the detestable Prussian system at the height of its infamy. It would not be long until our cherished freedom would vanish as in Germany, Japan, and Italy, where militarism completely dominated every phase of human activity.

Our militarists know their stuff! They must have been apt students of Hitler, for apparently they, too, operate on the theory so ably restated by Dr. Paul E. Johnson, "that if you shout loud enough, often enough, and emotionally enough, people will finally believe what they are told." Now comes the revelation from the House Committee on Expenditures in Executive Departments charging the War Department with using public money to lobby for compulsory peace-time military training. Such arrogance can only be rebuked by a vigorous protest on the part of all people who still believe in freedom from regimentation during times of peace.



# EDITORIALS . . .

## Supreme Council's Annual Session Just Closed

Another year has gone into history. We thank God for His all-wise providence in protecting and permitting all the Councillors to be present during this session: J. H. Walker, R. P. Johnson, A. V. Beaubé, Paul H. Walker, Earl P. Paulk, E. L. Simmons, Zeno C. Tharp, E. W. Williams, E. C. Clark, J. D. Bright, J. Stewart Brinsfield, and Houston R. Morehead. The Supreme Council convened September 9 and continued through the 13th.

Heretofore, the annual fall meeting of the Councillors has been held prior to the international General Assembly, but this year we will not have the Assembly, since it was decided that the Assembly would convene biannually. Consequently, the usual flow of propositions to be considered by the Supreme Council and to be presented to the Bishops' Council and General Assembly was not received. Nevertheless, the Councillors had a very busy week. This you will see from the reports which are to follow in a later issue.

It was decided by the Supreme Council this time that, inasmuch as the Assembly meets every two years, the Supreme Council should meet in regular session every six months so that all the various departments of the general Church at Headquarters can clear all financial budgets through the Council.

## National Youth Committee

The National Youth Director, Ralph E. Williams, and the Committee—Paul Stallings, Robert Johnson, E. T. Stacey, and Brady Dennis—were in session at the same time the Council of Twelve were meeting. They submitted to the Supreme Council for approval a large number of measures that concern our youth movement, which propositions were considered and, with slight amendments, approved, and will be given to you in a later issue of the Evangel.

## Board of Directors of Lee College

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of our Bible School—U. D. Tidwell, C. J. Hindmon, J. H. Walker, A. V. Beaubé, and Houston R. Morehead—was called for September 7-9, during which time numbers of important matters were considered and the budget for this term approved. The Board is happy to announce that we have the best qualified faculty in the history of the school. The president and vice-president are also encouraged with the outlook and we all share the hope that this term will far exceed all previous terms. Space will not permit us to give full information, which will appear later.

## Finances

The tithes to General Headquarters are the greatest in all the history of the Church. For the past twelve months we have received \$299,511.75, which is an increase of over \$35,000 above the receipts of last year. This is quite contrary to what numbers thought would be the final figures for the year. But since the tithes are the financial barometer, we should thank God for this increase, for it indicates that the whole Church is enjoying a greater flow of finances.

## Statistical Report

Inasmuch as the report has not been completed, the General Secretary will furnish this a little later. It seems that since we were not having the Assembly, some have delayed in sending in their reports, but we are assured from the records thus far that we have had appreciable gains in the number of souls won to God and the increase in membership, as well as in finances.

## Missions

Since we did not have the Assembly this year, numbers of the state conventions were held late, too late for their reports to reach Headquarters before the books closed and the auditor's report was made. But with these state offerings that are to be received, missions will have received for the year approximately \$240,000, which does not include the many thousands of dollars received by the states in district offerings.

## Orphanage

The total orphanage receipts show we received, in round numbers, \$150,000 this year.

## Other Funds

The aged ministers' fund shows an increase, with the receipts at approximately \$43,000; the ministers' widows fund received approximately \$9,000; evangelistic fund, approximately \$21,000. These all showed nice increases over the previous year.

You will readily see with the tithes approximately three hundred thousand dollars to Headquarters, that our local churches have received approximately three million dollars into their respective treasuries, and the earning strength of our faithful tithing people throughout the Church was approximately thirty million dollars. It is also a fact that living expenses have been increased. But when you stop to think of our great responsibility toward the unfortunate people of foreign lands, you surely must feel that, after all, we could do more for the great worthy cause of missions. With two hundred forty thousand dollars missions to foreign fields, you see that we are paying a sum far less than ten per cent to save those lost in the dark night of sin.

A few years ago, a number of us brethren realized we were faced with a great need in the mission fields. We believed that with the closing of the war there would be unlimited opportunities to spread the gospel throughout all the world. We had hoped that we might set a goal of at least a million dollars to have in reserve for such a time. Since the closing of the war there have been numerous opportunities presented, people in various countries sound out the Macedonian call, "Come over into Macedonia and help us," and our Mission Board and Executive Missions Secretary, it seems, have done their best to answer the cries. This is such a great responsibility, which challenges every member and friend to do his part. There are two ways to answer this challenge. One is as Isaiah, who said, "Here am I, Lord: send me," and the other is by giving of our means to this most noble cause.

# BIBLE GLINTS *and* Late Events

BY THE EDITOR



## COMMUNISM A NEW RELIGION

"One of the most novel and distinctive features of the Soviet regime is its determination to root out every form of religious faith in the vast territory under its sway. There have been many instances in history when one form of religion cruelly persecuted all others; but in Russia the world is witnessing the first effort to destroy completely any belief in supernatural interpretation of life. This uncompromising Communist hostility to religion, which has never wavered, although the methods of combating religious faith have varied considerably from time to time, is another strong proof that Communism itself may be regarded as a new, fanatical faith, if not a new religion!

"The basic tenets of religion, its ministers and practitioners are ridiculed in cartoons, caricatures, posters and moving picture performances, denounced in books and magazines, satirized on the stage, held up to scorn and opprobrium in the antireligious museums which have now been installed in many of the most famous Russian churches and monasteries."—William Henry Chamberlin.

The New England Fellowship of Evangelicals will hold a constitutional convention in Boston on November 17, for the purpose of completing the integration of evangelical work in this area. This plan has been in the making for the past year. Under the new constitution N. E. F. E. will become the New England arm of the national organization.

September 1, 1947

J. Elwin Wright,  
Assistant to the President

Plans for six great regional conferences of N. A. E. are taking shape. The next few weeks will be busy ones for the President and the staff, organizing the necessary committees. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be in Chicago, on September 9. The Board of Administration will meet in Cincinnati, October 7, 8.

After September 1, the National Office of N. A. E. will be transferred to 542 South Dearborn Street, Chicago 5, Illinois. This location will be much more central to the whole country. There is considerable sentiment in Chicago for eventually acquiring, by lease or purchase, a building of sufficient size to house at least twenty evangelical organizations which have much in common.

Mr. R. Watson Sadler, formerly prominent in the financial district of New York, has been called to the staff of N. A. E. as Assistant to the President. He will be based in Chicago.

The recent report of a group of Protestant clergymen who visited Yugoslavia that there is religious liberty in that country is another example of the clever way Communism uses Modernism to its own advantage. N. A. E.

has had several observers in Europe this year and all reports indicate that Yugoslavia is one of the most oppressed and bloody spots on the map. Both Protestants and Catholics are fleeing into Germany at every opportunity, bringing tales of rape and murder which rival those of the Russian revolution in its darkest days.

## THE WORLD'S KING

Frances Willard said (speaking as president of the W. C. T. U.), "The organization over which I preside has one organic thought, one absorbing purpose, one underlying enthusiasm—that Christ shall be the world's King —of its courts, its camps, its commerce; King of its colleges and cloisters, King of its customs and CONSTITUTION; Christ and His Law, the basis of all true government and the supreme authority in the INDIVIDUAL and NATIONAL LIFE."—*Covenanter Witness*.

Difference of opinion was never, with me, a motive of separation from a friend.—Thomas Jefferson.

CHICAGO—has been experiencing a wave of sex crimes and deaths growing out of drunken sprees. Representative Charles J. Jenkins, as quoted in the *Chicago Daily Tribune*, blames such things on the poor enforcement of laws.

Jenkins, I understand, for sixteen years, has served in the Illinois legislature, and is an active member of the house judiciary committee which passes on criminal codes.

Recently, in discussing some of the outstanding crimes, he is quoted as saying, "As long as gambling halls, houses of prostitution, and taverns that are 'clip joints' are permitted by the city administration to run brazenly in our community, child delinquency will increase and sex offenders will be the brood of this combination."

How on earth does the President hope to curb juvenile delinquency when right in the bars women and children are served liquors and when such are purchased by male adults! Think of it! Women parking their babies in their little buggies outside of a tavern, while they go inside and guzzle down beer and strong liquors. The picture is dark. God help our nation to awake to the terrible situation facing us!

"The minister must feel his debt to Christ and feel that the best he can do for Him will be poor payment on the obligation.

"Therefore, he must make ample preparation for his work—God's cause will gladly and profitably wait 'till he can finish that preparation."—Dr. Harvey C. Atkins.

Let's have heads that think and hearts that beat.—Spurgeon.

The greatest happiness in life is the conviction that we are loved, loved for ourselves, or rather loved in spite of ourselves.—Hugo.

*Zealots have been telling us that if we are to win the struggle for the world, we must prepare the country at once for atomic warfare. This Marine veteran, who was wounded in the fighting in the Pacific, and who returned to serve as an Aide to Commander Harold Stassen at the San Francisco Conference, adds up realistically what it will cost us to disperse our industries, to move cities underground, and to build up our stockpiles for atomic bombardment. —The Editor, The Atlantic Monthly.*

# What Price Preparedness?

By Cord Meyer, Jr.

Peace through preparedness for war is the promise that is now being held out to the American people by our elected officials and military leaders. We are continually exhorted to remember that aggression is still a possibility and that our only guarantee of safety lies in armed strength. In this second year of "peace," President Truman has called for a military appropriation of more than eleven billion dollars. After grave warnings from the Secretaries of the War, Navy, and State Departments, this appears to be one item in the President's budget that the Republicans will not attempt to cut, although it is almost one third of the total.

Similarly, Marshal Stalin has warned the Russian people that "it is necessary to be constantly vigilant, to protect as the apple of one's eye the armed force and defensive power of our country." In the Soviet Union, the expected reconversion to the production of consumer goods has been delayed in favor of further expansion of the heavy industries which provide the sinews of war, with particular emphasis on the development of atomic energy. The American and Russian governments are locked in competition for the arms, allies, and strategic bases that each insists are essential to national security.

How are these claims that peace and safety can be assured through competitive arming to be reconciled with the known facts concerning the new weapons? The scientists have been attempting to reach an apathetic public with the knowledge that there is no effective defense against atomic bombs. Two or three bombs are sufficient to destroy even the largest city, crippling or killing most of its inhabitants. They can be delivered by long-range bombers, so mere distance is not the protection that it was.

There is no safety in the fact that

we enjoy a temporary monopoly on atomic weapons. Many of the most able scientists insist that within two or three years Russia and a number of other nations may be manufacturing atomic explosives, whether or not we divulge our technical secrets. In the immediate future, Americans will live in justifiable terror of an atomic attack that can devastate our cities and industries at a single blow, just as the people of some other nations already fear such an assault by the United States.

The spectacular quality of the atomic bomb explosion has obscured the equally significant information that there are other new and inhumanly destructive means of warfare available today. Their existence is worth mentioning, not because atomic bombs are not sufficient in themselves to devastate a country, but because the international control of atomic energy alone has been allowed to become synonymous with the establishment of peace and security. In pleading the need for funds to be used in scientific research, a member of Congress proved his case last year by stating: "They have developed a weapon that can wipe out all forms of life in a large city. It is a germ proposition and is sprayed from airplanes that can fly high enough, while doing it, to be reasonably safe from ground fire. It is quick and certain death. One operation would be sufficient, for the effects would spread rapidly." The official Merck Report on biological warfare concludes with the warning: "The development of agents for biological warfare is possible in many countries, large and small, without vast expenditures of money or the construction of huge production facilities."

From these facts, it is evident that once a modern attack is launched, no amount of money, men, and armament can save our country or any

other nation from colossal devastation and the ravages of incurable pestilences. How, then, can vast armament expenditures and military preparations be justified?

If our future security is to depend on national armaments, the purpose of the military must not be to win wars but to prevent them from ever occurring, by the obvious size and efficiency of our preparations for a counteroffensive. Not only must this retaliatory force be capable of immediately destroying the cities of all possible opponents, but it must be so distributed and organized as to be able to deliver its blows after our own cities and factories have been leveled by the enemy's initial assault. Preparedness to defend the nation must be supplanted by preparedness to endure the loss of our urban industry and population and to preserve from the wreckage the ability to strike back in equal force.

Before we and the other peoples of the world are finally and irrevocably committed to such a program of mutual intimidation, we had better ask ourselves and our leaders what the consequences will be.

The first requirement is a stockpile of modern weapons second to none. In the past, the vast, peaceful factories which could be converted to the manufacture of weapons were reliable guarantees of strength. No such pause for the realization of potential strength will exist in future conflicts. It will be difficult to preserve beyond the first day even those factories devoted to the most essential war production. Only those weapons immediately available can be relied upon in launching the instantaneous retaliation that will be necessary. The United States, if it intends to intimidate others, has no alternative but to attempt to maintain the world's largest arsenal of atomic

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# REQUESTS... for Prayer

## PRAY FOR:

The Lord to heal me of nervous indigestion.—Dorothy Mae Veers, Barren Springs, Va.

My son, D. W. Russell, and family to be saved and have a Christian home; their daughter to be healed of nervous spells.—Mrs. Cora Russell, Newport, N. C.

Mother to be healed and come back to the Lord like she once was.—Reta Mae Strawser, Blissfield, Mich.

Me to be healed of a skin disease, that I fear may cause cancer.—Walter Oliver, Carbon Hill, Ala.

My complete recovery; me to receive the Holy Ghost; my boys who are somewhere in the Pacific in service; God to save my children and husband.—A sister.

God to heal me of eczema and nervousness; my mother, children, and home.—Mrs. Lillie Newton, Sylacauga, Ala.

Mrs. Myrtle Martin, who is in the hospital with T. B.; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Mae Ayers, Collinwood, Tenn.

Me to be healed. I am hardly able to do my work.—W. V. Henry, Ladonia, Texas.

Me to be healed and saved; my invalid brother; my mother to be healed.—Mary Alice Whaley, Beulaville, N. C.

My son-in-law to be saved; my daughter to be able to attend church; an unspoken request; my complete healing.—A sister.

God to save my husband.—A sister.

Healing for my little boy's eyes as he is about to lose his sight.—Mrs. L. C. McCormick, Carlsbad, N. Mex.

My husband to be healed of heart trouble.—A sister.

My husband and me to be healed.—Mrs. H. Presley, Nashville, Tenn.

Me to get salvation.—William Right, Mulens, W. Va.

God to search my heart and touch my body; Goldie.—M. A. Tate.

Brother Osker Clinton who has had a light stroke and is in a serious condition. A tumor was removed from his brain last fall.

My brother, who is paralyzed in his right side; healing for my neck; a sister who is afflicted in her knees; my husband, who has gland trouble; my daughter, husband, and brother, who are in sin; my mother's healing.—Ida Sprouse.

Healing for mother and me; other requests.—Reba Nell Chitwood, Toccoa, Ga.

A very urgent unspoken request.—Mrs. Ben James, Blackshear, Ga.

My wife who was taken to the sanatorium, to be healed.—Edward Basham, Princeton, W. Va.

My husband to be saved; us to rear our twin girls for the Lord.—Mrs. Willie Sims, Gadsden, Ala.

Me, I have suffered seventeen years from a spine injury and have gall bladder trouble; God to save my unsaved nephews.—Mrs. Sanford King, Oneonta, Ala.

My healing of a blood disease which is incurable by doctors.

Healing for Thomas V. Stagner and his salvation to be restored; his daughter, Alma Jones, to be saved and healed.—A friend.

My daughter's husband to return to his family and take care of them; my son, who has lung trouble and bad nerves since returning from service; me to get close to the Lord like I once was; my youngest son to get right with God.—Mrs. J. B. Fairchild, Otoka, Okla.

My wife, who is in the T. B. hospital in Rome, Ga. Our baby came July 23. Our babies are being cared for by Church of God members. I will be handicapped if God doesn't undertake.—Rev. J. E. Williamson, Shannon, Ga.

A friend's husband, who has been ill a long time; her daughter, who has been backslidden for years and needs healing.—A friend.

God to heal my body and give me stronger faith.—Nannie Rice, Annville, Ky.

My husband; the church at Brownfield, Texas.

Me, I have been sick for several years.—Florence Easter, Mt. Airy, N. C.

My daughter and husband, who were in a car wreck and hurt very badly; my son, who has something wrong with his back.—Mrs. Lydia Walker, Moore Haven, Fla.

My son, who is in the Medical Air Corps, has high blood pressure, and isn't saved.—Maybell Green, Sweetwater, Tenn.

My daughter, who is very sick, to be healed and saved; my healing of high blood pressure; my husband and children to be saved.—Mrs. A. B. Miller, Stockbridge, Ga.

Sister Erma Turner, Pahokee, Fla., who is in a very serious condition. Any words of encouragement will be appreciated.

My husband to return to us and be saved. He left me with four children and nothing to live on.—Louise Boular, Ware Shoals, S. C.

My healing; me to have a Christian home; my husband and children to be saved; my husband to be healed.—Mrs. Lola Brambalt, Cedartown, Ga.

God to satisfy me with a Holy Ghost experience.—R. F. Pent, Tarpon Springs, Fla.

A very urgent request, my husband to come back home and care for his family and both of us to be saved.—A heartbroken mother.

My healing of high blood pressure and my eyesight to be restored.—Mr. Ruel Simmons, Samson, Ala.

Us to be able to establish a church in Pelham, S. C.—Rev. and Mrs. O. H. Hendrix.

My healing.—A sister.

Sister Wood to be healed of a goller; my husband and boy to be saved.—Mrs. Ethel Roberts, Toledo, Ohio.

A very urgent request.—A sister in Christ.

Mrs. Myrtle Taylor to be healed of a bad nervousness and other ailments; my loved ones to be saved.

Husband and me to be saved; an unspoken request.

My baby to be completely healed; my father, mother, brothers and sisters to be saved; two unspoken requests.—Mrs. Ira Williamson.

God to heal me of a nervous condition, indigestion and heart trouble.—Miss N. E. Stiles, Turks Island, B. W. I.

My son in service to be saved and protected; an unspoken request.—A sister.

A very special request.—A sister.

My brother who has cancer of the lungs. He is a believer.—Leroy Howard.

Husband and me to be healed and saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Walter Nesmith.

A little boy who has been in the hospital since July 13 with a broken arm, wrist and leg just above the knee; his mother and father to be saved; the Lord to save me.—Mrs. W. H. Beasley, Statesboro, Ga.

My healing of a spine ailment; the men of my family to be saved; us to have a Church of God in this little city of 5,000 population.—Mrs. Walter Traylor, Marianna, Ark.

God to undertake for a very urgent request.—Mrs. J. P. Leonard, Lexington, N. C.

Mrs. S. E. Covington, Blytheville, Ark., who is terribly afflicted in her feet.

Mrs. Ottis Roush, who is in a serious condition.

Hubert Mullins, who has lost his eyesight and is in a bad condition.—Mrs. C. H. Cat-

let, Henderson, N. C.

An unspoken request.—Mrs. Annie St. John.

My healing of a serious kidney trouble and other ailments; my unsaved loved ones; an urgent unspoken request.—Mrs. B. H. Daugherty, Danville, Va.

God to heal my body and supply my needs, I am a widow and not able to work; my two children, brothers, and loved ones to be saved.—A member of the Church of God.

Healing for my nerves; God's will to be done in our lives; my mother.—A reader.

Complete healing for Goldie Lloyd; healing of my body; unspoken requests.

## Tennessee State Overseer's Annual Report, 1947, by Comparison

Rev. U. D. Tidwell, State Overseer

Sermons preached	20,264
Increase in sermons preached	1,415
Pastoral visits	45,019
Decrease in pastoral visits	2,256
Revivals conducted	233
Increase in revivals conducted	19
Number converted	5,930
Increase in number converted	1,101
Number sanctified	3,215
Increase in number sanctified	699
Number filled with Holy Ghost	2,387
Increase in number filled with Holy Ghost	576
Number baptized in water	1,393
Increase in number baptized in water	203
Number added to church	1,774
Net increase in additions to church over last year	416
State membership	8,343
Net increase	1,182
Number new churches	11
Total churches in state	151
Invested in building projects	\$ 2,405.24
Invested in evangelistic efforts	9,126.43
Increase in evangelistic efforts	6,782.41
Personal help to underpaid ministers	5,515.00
Total tithes paid this year in state	226,171.80
Balance in state treasury up to July 15, 1947	10,028.77

## COMPARISON

### State Overseer's Annual Report, 1944

Sermons preached	9,010
Number converted	1,689
Number sanctified	1,161
Number filled with Holy Ghost	820
Number baptized in water	317
Number added to church	698
Invested in evangelistic work	\$4,065.14
Help to ministers	1,954.50
Total tithes paid in	95,395.89

The Holy Ghost can only use us to the extent we submit to His leadership and are in harmony with His divine program.

Preached Sunday Morning at 11 o'clock, August 24, at the Georgia Youth Congress and camp meeting, by Rev. Max L. Atkins, pastor of the Augusta Church.

Deep beneath the shady hills of northern Palestine, Jesus wended His way down to the little sea, better known as the Sea of Galilee. Her waters were fresh, sweet and sparkling. A mild breeze was blowing gently, while the sun blazed away in full glory. Here we observe a scene of much activity. On land and sea, fishermen, men and women, both good and bad, were casting their nets. The Master's compassionate heart was moved as He felt the need of laborers for the vineyard. He stepped down to the water's edge and heralded forth these words, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Two brothers, Peter and Andrew, received their call to the greatest work in the universe, the call to become fishers of men. This was not their first call, because they were disciples of John the Baptist. John had preached to them the way of repentance. So then, man's first call is to repentance; his second call, to service; his final call, to his eternal reward.

Observe the type of men whom Jesus called to the work of the ministry. 1. *Busy men.* He doesn't call lazy, slothful men into His service. 2. *Partners.* They were partners in the fishing business. They loved the brotherhood. Ministers are required to be lovers of all men. Titus 1:8. 3. *Poor Men.* Poor Men are God's choice. James 2:5. 4. *Uneducated men.* Like many of our preachers today, they went to the University of Hard Knocks, their class colors were black and blue. Perhaps some had a post-graduate course. Not many wise and mighty are called. 1 Cor. 1:26. (I do not mean to magnify ignorance.) 5. *Toughened men.* Toughened by toil, hardships, and danger. God calls men who can take the hard places.

Three essential steps lead to the ministry. 1. *God calls.* 2. *Man prepares himself.* 3. *The church sends.* It may be well to remember that it is the divine approval and not the ordination that makes the preacher. My fellow brethren, be sure of two things. First, know that you are in Christ, then know that you are in your calling. "G. P." doesn't mean "go preach" every time, it might mean "go plow."

Let us look back again at the Galilean scene. 1. *Some were preparing*

# Fishers of Men

*Text: Matt. 4:19,*

*"Follow me, and I will  
make you fishers  
of men."*

*to cast their nets.* This thought suggests preparation. Every person called to the ministry should prepare himself. Qualified men are needed to fill the pulpits today. We recently purchased Bob Jones College at the cost of one and one half million dollars, whereby our young men and women might better qualify themselves for the work of the ministry. "Thanks to the management of the Church of God." 2. *Some were mending their nets.* Here we have a suggestion for improvement. Don't be satisfied with being a good preacher, strive to be nothing short of the best. 3. *Some were washing their nets.* A clean life is the most essential element in the career of a minister. Some walk off with the gates of Gaza and bow their head in the lap of a Delilah. A pure heart and clean hands add effectiveness and power to your message. 4. *Some were actually casting their nets.* Here we have evangelism in action. God help us to practice evangelism instead of talking evangelism so much.

Take another look at the words of the text, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." My prayer is, "O Lord, take me, break me, and make me a fisher of men." To be a successful fisherman

## I. YOU MUST LAUNCH OUT

Jesus said, "Launch out into the deep," Luke 5:4. Break loose from the shore. The men of our text were called to forsake their kinfolk. They had to kiss Dad good-by. This may seem hard to do, but to be a soul-winner you must go forth. They were called to give up their old jobs. Say, preacher, you might have a good job and be making plenty of money, but

you will never amount to much in the ministry until you cut loose from the shore. These men were required to give up their homes, friends, and all, to become fishers of men. God requires unconditional surrender on the part of the preacher. That is the demand; but what about the reward? Read Matt. 19:29. "Into the deep." Think of that little expression, "There's no fish on dry land." Some preachers are afraid to get their feet wet, spiritually. Some go in ankle deep, some go in knee deep, some go in to their loins, a few go in over their heads. I've seen pastors push the evangelist and the members into the campaign and they themselves stood back on the shore. No wonder they are so dry. Brother, if you have a revival, you must get into it all over.

## II. FISHERMEN KNOW THEIR FISH

Don't forget, the men you deal with are intelligent as well as the fish. Both skill and knowledge must be employed. I think of three methods of catching fish. First, there's the hook, line, and pole way, catching only one at a time. We have here a thought on personal evangelism. Andrew first brought his own brother to Christ. John 1:40-42. Right in your own home is the best place to begin your soul-winning campaign. Jesus gave similar instructions to the demoniac, Mark 5:19. The second method I wish to mention is the net. To catch fish with a net requires united effort. This might represent the church—all the members united in one great effort to drag men from the raging waters of perdition to the shores of sweet deliverance. Dynamite may be employed as the third method of bringing in the fish. This method brings forth, dead or alive. Here, the gospel plays its part in the campaign. Isa. 55:11. "It is the power (dynamite) of God unto salvation to every one that believeth," Rom. 1:16. You cannot travel with its contents. It is more powerful than gunpowder. It is more powerful than dynamite.



It is more powerful than T. N. T. It is more powerful than atomic energy.

Yes, you must know how to deal with the souls of men. Jesus knew all men; He knew what was in man. "He that winneth souls is wise," Prov. 11:30. Wise fishermen observe: 1. *The seasons.* It is a good time right after a rain. After a good Holy Ghost outpouring is usually a good time to make an altar call. May God give us wisdom to know how to speak to souls in season. 2. *The weather.* The atmosphere and wind must be just right. When the air is sweetened with the fragrance of prayer, and the Holy Spirit is moving in the right direction, brother, you can cast your net for a drought. 3. *Finally, the water.* You can't catch fish when the stream is frozen over. Evangelists have learned too well that they can not have a revival in an iceburg church. The ice must first be broken. Neither can you catch fish when the water is muddy. I am sure you know what I mean by that. So, be wise, and be a soul winner.

### III. A GOOD BAIT IS NECESSARY IN CATCHING FISH

This is an important factor. David said, "O taste and see that the Lord is good," Ps. 34:8. There must, then, be something to taste. Fish don't bite empty hooks. It is true, however, some fish are like some people, they'll swallow anything that comes along. Preachers, bait your hook with the unadulterated Word of God. I sincerely believe we should preach against worldliness in the Church, but some preachers get more inspiration preaching on curled hair, high heels, and the women's dresses than they do on John 3:16. They major in minors. God help us to major in majors, preach the Word of God. 2 Tim. 4:2. The fruit of the Spirit makes good bait: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Gal. 5:22, 23.

### IV. GENTLENESS PLAYS AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE FISHING BUSINESS

If you storm out, the fish will surely flee. Certain preachers fulfil Deut. 32:30, "How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight." This type pastor drives many from his church. A few may be left and he carefully chooses his evangelist, usually another of his same type, to finish up the job. At the close of the driving campaign,

usually both the evangelist and pastor have to leave. Remember, the fisherman's job is to gather fish, not to scatter them; save, and not to destroy. Paul said "To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing meekness unto all men," Titus 3:2. To catch trout one must keep himself hidden. The most efficient soul-winners dwell behind the cross of Calvary.

### V. HAVE PATIENCE?

I should say so. Nothing is more important. Peter said, "Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a

### THE CALL OF JESUS

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
Of our life's wild, restless sea,  
Day by day, His sweet voice soundeth,  
Saying, Christian, follow me!

Jesus calls us from the worship  
Of the vain world's golden store;  
From each idol that would keep us:  
Saying, Christian, love me more!

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
Days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures,  
Christian, love me more than these!

Jesus calls us! by Thy mercies,  
Saviour, may we hear Thy call;  
Give our hearts to Thy obedience,  
Serve and love Thee best of all.

—Cecil Frances Alexander,  
in POEMS WITH POWER.

great multitude of fishes," Luke 5:5, 6. Note five things here: 1. *Toll.* "They toiled." There is plenty of work in evangelism. 2. *Patience.* All night long they toiled and waited for a catch. Victory might not come in your revival when you expect it, but be patient. Darkness will vanish. The day will dawn, and Jesus will surely come on the scene. Don't give up the struggle too quickly. 3. *Sacrifice.* These men had sacrificed their labor, time, sleep and perhaps their food. Don't hope for a revival without some self-denial. 4. *Obedience.* They obeyed the Master's command. There are no revivals without obedience to God and His Word. 5. *Results.* "A great multitude of fish." You can rest assured that where there is toll, patience, sacrificing, and obedience, re-

sults will follow. "In all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much PATIENCE, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fasting," 2 Cor. 6:4, 5.

### VI. WHOLE-HEARTED FISHERMEN RISK ALL

His very life is in danger among the storms, deep waters, sharks, and serpents. He runs a risk of losing his possessions. By faith the old net goes plunging into the perilous waters. "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days," Eccl. 11:1. "Bread" here might better be rendered "bread corn," or may I say, "seed corn." That's what it really was. While the Nile River was high, overflowing her banks, the ancient farmers would cast their grain upon the waters, and when the waters abated the grain was left well embedded in the fertile soil, thus it would spring up and after many days there was a great harvest. It would look, without faith, as if the seed would be lost forever in the restless tide, but by and by it returned with great dividends. The seed is the Word of God, the sower is the preacher, the waters are the people, the many days bring us to the judgment. Fellow minister, when it seems that your preaching and toiling is all in vain, remember that it will return with good interest after many days. 1 Cor. 15:58. Look at another glorious passage. Ps. 126:6, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Here the sower goes forth to sow with the burden of seed on his arm or back. A preacher without a burden for his ministry is like a cloud without rain, empty and vain. He toiled, broadcasting the seed, which represents the Word of God. At the time of sowing, seed was scarce and precious. The old farmer knew well that he was taking the bread from his children's mouths, therefore he wept as he sowed. After a while he returned home, rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Numbers of our pioneer preachers sacrificed the last bite they had for the sake of the gospel. They wept as their children begged for bread, but, thanks be to God, there is coming a day of reaping and rejoicing.

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J. STEWART BRINSFIELD  
Executive Missions Secretary



## News From Our FOREIGN MISSIONS



### In the Hollow of God's Hand Rev. John P. Kluzit

In September, we can generally expect storms to sweep through the West Indies and Florida, so we were glad to see clear skies as we were about to board a Panama Clipper for the night trip from Ciudad Trujillo to Miami. We said good-bye to Brother Fontaine in charge of the work in the Dominican Republic, and followed the other passengers onto the plane. Fortunately, the plane was not crowded and Brother Brinsfield and I could find some extra chairs over which to settle comfortably and take a good nap, as night traveling proves monotonous over a five-hour stretch.

The plane took off gracefully. Although we hardly felt a movement, we soon knew that we were in the air, as the ground seemed to recede faster and faster from us. We were off! gulping up miles of distance as we went farther and farther away from the twinkling lights of the City of Ciudad Trujillo. Up in the air, we saw what we had not noticed from the ground: the clouds were massed thickly and darkly together, foretelling of a storm at hand. Soon the plane was shiny with a cover of moisture. Rushing through these clouds so swiftly, gave us an impression that we were traveling at a terrific speed. We were rocking and bouncing roughly in the unevenly heated air. Upward we sped until finally we leveled off in a smooth stretch high above those troublesome clouds, which, no doubt, would give some welcome showers in a few minutes to the land that we were fast leaving behind us. It was a tranquil scene about us as we rode on the top of the clouds. Far off in the west, there were bright flashes of lightning—tokens of an electric storm ahead of us.

This was my first trip at night fly-

ing. It was also the highest altitude at which I had ever been—the farthest from earth and the closest to heaven, in a physical sense, and I felt awed by the experience. As I lay in the chair, I sought the Lord for that comforting reassurance that only He can give. Yes, Jesus seemed so close, the resurrected Son of God; the living, glorified Savior; living now at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us, and I felt so personally that He was interceding for me right then and there. Gliding through the air, leveled off high in space, I felt as if we were suspended between heaven and earth.

The thought came, "What if the Lord should come now! I would not have to go very far to meet Him!" Thinking of how precious He was, the tears welled up in my eyes and a sense of unworthiness melted me there in His presence. Then a sweet calm and a spirit of repose, a sense of assurance, swept over my soul as I felt my Lord, oh, so close to me. As I think back on that trip when we rode on the top of those clouds, I remember how it seemed that I was in heaven.

Sometime during that interval, we had passed over Haiti, located somewhere far below the clouds. Time passed on and then we began to "come back to earth," descending rapidly. Pushing downward through those clouds, we were "rocked and bounced and jolted." It seemed that we had become like a cork roughly tossed about on a huge ocean wave. Finally, we touched ground, making a nice landing on the Camaguey runway. We were in Cuba! How fast the time had gone! And here on earth, the precious moments when we are in the presence of the Lord seem to pass too quickly and leave us with the regret that we could not stay there forever. That will be a glorious time

when we shall be united with Jesus, never more to part; but until then, we must come "down to earth" at times, for we are "in the world even though not of it."

After a few minutes of rest in the Camaguey airport, we found ourselves back in the plane and again speeding heavenward. But this time the trip would be less than two hours and we would not go quite so high. Possibly for the rest of the journey we would not ride above the clouds. So it proved, because we really had a rough trip from then on to Miami, with the lightning flashes more violent and the jolting of the plane more sudden. Already it was 10 p.m. and we had planned to get in a few hours of sleep, because immediately on landing at Miami, Brother Brinsfield and I would have to start the long twenty-two-hour trip to Cleveland in his car. But it seemed that no sleep would come. That plane just kept bouncing around and then would suddenly drop a little to make our stomachs come up with a sickening thud. Then I pictured the Lord's hand cupped before me and myself in the hollow of His hand. "Oh, what blessed assurance it is to feel oneself in the hollow of His hand!" It was such a real experience of being there in His hand that when the plane made those sudden drops thereafter, it seemed I was just touching oftener the bottom of that hollowed hand. I just said, "Thank you, Lord," and began to go off to sleep with the peacefulness of a babe upon his mother's breast.

That feeling of security and rest comes with the blessed assurance we have when we are in Christ and Christ is in us. When the trials of life come like clouds about us, and seem to make our little ship rock and toss and go down between the waves and perhaps be momentarily submerged by them, we can still experience that blessed assurance and complete serenity because we are just going deeper into the hollow of His hand.

I awakened about 11 p.m., after a restful sleep, to find the plane still tossing about and fitful flashes of lightning dazzling our eyes with their brilliancy. Fleecy clouds kept passing swiftly by us, and then suddenly there burst into view ahead of us what seemed like an island covered with shining diamonds. From the air, Miami at night is a beautiful place

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## WHAT PRICE PREPAREDNESS?

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bombs, radioactive poisons, disease-producing germs, and long-range rockets and bombers.

There is another necessity of preparedness which has been completely ignored by those who claim that the United States can remain secure merely by preserving its lead in the arms production race. They forget that the capacity to continue a future war will depend not only on the quantity and potency of the weapons available, but on the relative ability of the warring powers to preserve unharmed vital sections of the national industry and population.

Since there is no sure means of preventing the bombs from landing, the only way to reduce their effect is to disperse the possible targets. Just as Bikini demonstrated the suicidal stupidity of assembling large numbers of ships in a single harbor, so Hiroshima and Nagasaki illustrated the danger of tolerating the continued existence of large concentrations of men and machines on land. Unfortunately, cities are not so easily dispersed as ships.

A tremendous program of enforced decentralization of its industrial centers is a necessity for any nation preparing for future war. Such decentralization has two objectives. The first, which must have the highest priority, is the protection of striking power. The second objective is to provide some security for the city dwellers.

The protection of retaliatory capacity involves the dispersal and sheltering of military personnel, of stockpiles of weapons, of the industries and workers that produce the most vital weapons, and of government executives. In the case of soldiers and their weapons, it is obvious that their concentration in a few large camps invites destruction. They must be distributed throughout the country in secret and self-sufficient centers of resistance, with bombs, bacteria, planes, and rockets in a continuous state of readiness.

The factories, workers, and raw materials essential to arms production must also be dispersed among self-sufficient production centers. Moreover, the Capitol, the White House, and the Pentagon Building are as great temptations to a possible aggressor as Oak Ridge or Detroit. The

consequence of a bombardment of Washington today would be the liquidation of the entire directing personnel of the government, resulting in confusion of authority and in political as well as material chaos. There is need for the creation of separate command centers, each one capable of directing the resistance if the others are destroyed.

The widest dispersal is not in itself a sufficient protection for these cells. More reliable assurance of their ability to survive attack would be gained if they were located underground. Of course, such shelters would have to be capable of being sealed off against the radioactivity and bacteria the outside atmosphere might carry. The construction of such underground caverns for whole factories and defensive installations would admittedly be a critical drain on the resources of even the richest nation, but, unlike the underground construction of entire cities, it is feasible. When this program has been put into effect, the country may be able to fight on though its cities lie in ruins and the majority of its people are maimed, dying, or dead.

The second objective of a decentralization program is the protection of urban inhabitants. With forty-five million people crowded into our two hundred largest cities, this is a gigantic task. The best guarantee of safety would be the transformation of the cities into scattered subterranean communities, but less radical changes promise some security. The government can enforce the construction of widely spaced suburban areas. Prior arrangements can be made for speedy evacuation at the first warning of attack. Deep underground shelters can be built in the cities to provide some safety for those who cannot escape into the country. In the event

of a continuous bombardment with atomic bombs and bacteria, such measures will be like building sand castles to restrain the ocean. But they will reduce the death toll that one or two bombs can cause in a large city, and they will strengthen the morale of the city dwellers with the knowledge that they are not being completely abandoned to their fate.

There is need for a home defense force, which would have the task of organizing the civilian survivors of the initial attack for guerrilla action against the invading air-borne armies of the enemy. The only part that the half-trained reserves produced by one year of compulsory military training could play in a future war would be in such localized resistance. In their civilian occupations at the time of the assault, incapable of being mobilized because of the wreckage of the transportation and communication systems, the national guardsmen and the ex-draftees would be useful only as guerrillas or relief workers. Their training may be justified as a final means of convincing an aggressor that the nation is prepared to endure to the end. But the real capacity of a country to resist will not be measured by the number of reserves it has trained for infantry action. It will be measured rather by the size of its stockpiles of the most destructive weapons, by the extent of its industrial dispersal, by the number and degree of readiness of its highly specialized professionals who continuously man the bombing fleets and rocket launchers, make up the mobile striking force, and operate the anti-aircraft installations.

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The one who can see his own faults has good eyes.

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# Reports

## FROM THE FIELD

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### MONTANA STATE CONVENTION

The Montana state convention was held at Bigtimber, June 11-15. The attendance was the greatest that has been enjoyed for years.

We were privileged to have with us Rev. J. B. Reesor, overseer of Western Canada, Rev. M. G. McLuhan, Rev. J. J. Kisser, and Rev. Chas. Evans, of Western Canada; Mrs. Faye Dyer, of South Dakota; Rev. Hugh Mills, of Washington, and other visitors of Canada, North and South Dakota, and Idaho.

Special singing was rendered by M. G. McLuhan, Charles Washek, Mrs. C. P. Savchenko, Blackwell Trio, and others from our local churches.

Rev. Reesor brought the mission message on Sunday morning. The mission offering was about eleven per cent larger than that of last year. The total amount was \$1,450.16.

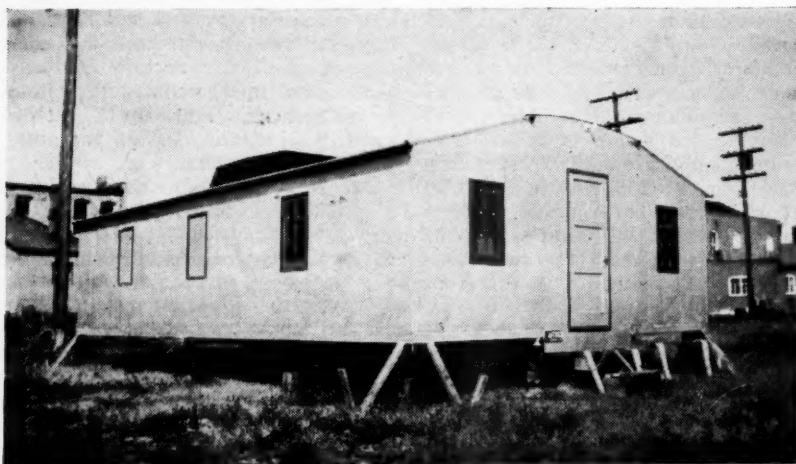
A Bible School program, under the direction of Mrs. Faye Dyer and Rev. McLuhan, was presented, representing the schools at Sevierville, Tenn., Lemmon, S. Dak., and Moose Jaw,

Sask., Canada.

Rev. J. J. Kisser was in charge of a dedication service, in which seven children were dedicated to the Lord. A place was also provided for the presentation of the value of the Daily Vacation Bible Schools as the children presented their program on Sunday afternoon.

It would be impossible to estimate the good blessings of God during the convention. The sweet presence of God rested on the services throughout the whole convention. The soul-stirring messages, inspirational singing, and the altar services made us feel like pressing on toward the goal and doing more for God. A number sought God for salvation and the saints were revived. Certainly, it was good to have been there.

There were twenty-nine *Evangel*, thirteen *Lighted Pathway*, sixteen *Macedonian Call*, and seven *Y. P. E. Bulletin* subscriptions received at this convention.—Wm. Pospisil, state overseer; Miss Marie Meppelink, convention reporter.



This is our portable tabernacle and we plan to keep busy in new fields with it. It is 20 by 30 feet in size when set up and folds down to 8 by 30 feet for going down the highway. It is mounted on a four-wheeled tandem trailer. We built it here in Harlowton and it made its first move when we took it down to Bigtimber for our state convention. As you probably know, tents are no good here and this will help solve some of our evangelistic problems; however, we need more consecrated workers.—William Pospisil, Harlowton, Montana.

### NORTH CAROLINA CAMP MEETING AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS

A sixty-acre tract of land, seven miles west of Charlotte, N. C., was the scene of "old camp meeting days," August 5-13. This property about eighty days prior to this date was in woodland growth, but our God in His mercy and love heard the prayers of North Carolinians and, through the efforts of our alert state overseer and campground committee, turned this property into a modern Goshen. A \$4,000 cafeteria was built, a concession stand erected, and a large gospel tent, seating 1,500 people, was put up, also a tent for books and Church literature, and a 40 x 60 tent for D. V. B. S., along with tents for people to camp, and everything that was needed for a successful camp meeting was provided. The pastors and members of the near-by churches did a splendid job of entertaining the large crowd that came.

Each minister who preached was anointed by the Lord to deliver the message. Our General Overseer, John C. Jernigan, spoke to the large Sunday crowd on the subject, "Building for the Church of God," and his message was well received. Other visiting ministers who spoke were Rev. R. R. Walker, General Secretary and Treasurer; Rev. James L. Slay, Cleveland, Tenn.; Rev. R. E. Williams, National Youth Director; Rev. J. T. Roberts, overseer of Alabama; and Rev. E. C. Clark, Business Manager, Publishing House. A Bible study in which vital subjects were discussed started the order of worship each morning. These services were a great blessing to the camp meeting and were well attended. Great unity prevailed among the North Carolina ministers and when a minister spoke they rallied to him with "amen's."

Every department of the Church—L. W. W. B., Y. P. E., Bible School, and D. V. B. S.—had a place on the program. A time was given for the mission cause, but because of the wonderful mission spirit that was manifested, there were three services in which the people gave their offerings willingly. Approximately \$2,600 was raised from the floor. Along with this, North Carolina gave one of her best ministers, who was pastor of one of the best churches, Rev. Paul Curtiss, of Hickory, to the great need of Church of God missions. During the Sunday morning service, a storm

arose and there was much thundering and lightning, along with a lot of rain. The Lord laid it on the heart of one of our ministers to give an offering to the building of a tabernacle. The brother stated that, "The Lord sent the storm to show us the need of a tabernacle to worship in," and during the services Sunday there was approximately \$5,000 subscribed to the building of a tabernacle. It was suggested and favored that the churches in North Carolina set the month of November for a great campaign of raising funds for this project. A committee of action was appointed to look after the tabernacle project and other buildings for the campground. (All North Carolinians everywhere, remember this great work with a fine contribution. Thanks a lot.)

When the district pastors from the thirteen districts made their reports, we thought of the wise man's writing, "A good report maketh the bones fat." North Carolina shows a net gain in membership of approximately one thousand members, and the churches now have on a half-million dollar building program (This does not include the campground) of new church buildings and parsonages.

#### WHAT OTHERS SAID OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CAMP MEETING

"It is good to be here. This is destined to be one of the greatest camp meetings in the Church, where souls will be saved, cleansed by the blood, and filled with the Holy Ghost, a place where the saints can be refreshed."—J. S. Brinsfield, Executive Missions Secretary.

"I thought our state was doing great things and I find that North Carolina is outdistancing us."—James L. Slay, pastor, North Cleveland, Tenn.

"North Carolina has raised more money than any other state. I want to congratulate you for your fine work. You have made a great step of progress in this campground project. Other states are moving forward. I like North Carolina and some day I'm coming back."—H. L. Chesser, Assistant General Overseer.

"A fine campground, well located, in one of our greatest states, with one of the greatest possibilities of becoming a hotbed for Pentecostal revivals and ingathering of souls."—E. C. Clark, Business Manager, Publishing House.

"A wonderful location, seven miles west of Charlotte, on a highway that

is well-known, is the North Carolina campground. I received a great blessing by attending this great feast."—Glover P. Ledford, Chairman, General Board of Trustees.

"After being away from North Carolina for several years, I was surprised to find such a wonderful camp meeting and the progress that has been made. I enjoyed the meeting very much."—A. M. Phillips, pastor, Atlanta, Ga.

"The Church of God has a great opportunity and I don't see why North Carolina couldn't have the leading campground in the Movement. The location couldn't be beat."—John C. Jernigan, General Overseer.

—H. E. Stone, reporter.

#### Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D. C., and Eastern Virginia Camp Meeting

It is with pleasure and inestimable joy that this account of the greatest camp meeting ever to be enjoyed by the states of Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D. C., and Eastern Virginia is promulgated. It is hardly feasible that one could reveal from the annals of history of the camp meetings of this district any series of services wherein such congruity and, to be explicit, "old-time brotherly love" did prevail to such an extent. God's ineffable presence was prevalent in every service. Prayers could be heard ascending to His throne almost continuously, both day and night, with such fervency and perseverance, it is not surprising that our camp meeting was heretofore unexcelled. Shouts of praise were not uncommon, and on several occasions penitents were seeking God in the wee hours of the morning. The power of God and the evidence of the presence of the Holy Ghost were manifested greatly.

Many visiting ministers and state overseers from neighboring and distant states were present. Their presence was appreciated and their fel-

lowship enjoyed. The messages delivered were indubitably unsurpassed. Our night evangelist was Reverend R. H. Hughes, who delivered each night a soul-stirring and, definitely, a much-needed message. God is richly blessing Brother Hughes' ministry, and he has proved a great blessing to many in this district. The revival spirit that was kindled at the camp meeting is catching flame and is beginning to spread throughout the states.

We were accorded the presence of Reverend J. C. Jernigan, General Overseer; Rev. Stewart Brinsfield, Executive Secretary of Missions; and Rev. Ralph Williams, National Youth Director, for which we are very appreciative.

The churches and ministers of this area are greatly indebted to our sedulous, unremitting, untiring leader and state overseer, Rev. O. C. Crank, whose diligent efforts and God-inspired ministry has maneuvered the Church of God of this district through the past year with noteworthy gains in all departments of the Church and who has brought about such a sweet fellowship among our brethren and churches that could not pass by unnoticed. God has blessed Brother Crank, and his services are greatly appreciated. The great camp meeting was but a culmination of his efforts throughout this year. The Church of God in Maryland is on the march!—Rev. Joseph L. Milligan.

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# REVIVALS

## Alabama Revivals

**POTASH**—Forty saved, thirty-five sanctified, thirty-one baptized with the Holy Ghost, twenty-five baptized in water, twenty-five added to the church.—Rev. W. C. Gore, evangelist; Rev. W. C. Nobley, pastor.

**STRAIT CREEK**—Five saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church.—C. H. Omus, evangelist.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW**—Three saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and added to the church, eleven baptized in water.—Rev. James W. Giles, Rev. C. A. Anderson.

**SUNNY SIDE**—Seven saved, four sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, eleven baptized in water, four added to the church.—Rev. L. L. Lewis, evangelist; Rev. W. E. Tomlinson, pastor.

**NICHOLSVILLE**—Ten saved, six sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost and added to the church.—A. J. Judah, evangelist; Bobbie People, pastor.

**PHENIX CITY**—Thirteen saved, two sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, three added to the church.—Clyde Helms, evangelist.

**MURRAY'S CHAPEL**—We came here after the camp meeting, July 10. There were twenty-three members, and we have had an addition of twenty-five, and the Lord is still blessing.—Rev. J. M. Collier, pastor.

**CHILDERSBURG**—Eighteen saved and sanctified, sixteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, twelve added to the church.—I. H. Compton, J. C. Pinion.

**MONTGOMERY**—Ten saved and four sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Rev. Phillips was the evangelist. We have completed an \$18,000 church.—Rev. Harwood, pastor.

**KRAFTON**—During the regular services there were eight saved and sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, nine baptized in water, and five added to the church.—Rev. G. C. Spencer, pastor.

**GREENVILLE**—The evangelist was Wayne G. Taylor. There were eighteen saved, twelve sanctified, five baptized with the Holy Ghost, nine baptized in water, and nine added to the church.—Rev. H. W. Cook, pastor.

**MASSEY LINE**—Fourteen saved and sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, and thirteen baptized in water. Brother Junior Tyler was the evangelist.—Rev. T. H. Cook, pastor.

**GRAY HILL**—Fourteen saved, seven added to the church, one baptized in water.—Rev. R. S. Brasher, pastor.

**DETROIT**—A church has been set in order with thirty-five members. Thirty-two saved, twenty-two sanctified, seventeen baptized with the Holy Ghost, fifteen baptized in water.—Rev. Letha Weeks, evangelist.

**BETHEL**—Eight saved and sanctified, three united with the church.—Rev. L. B. Findley, pastor.

**THOMASVILLE**—Eleven saved, two added to the church.

**BUHL**—During the regular services, there were six saved, three sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and six baptized in water and added to the church. A new parsonage is almost completed.—W. H. Dean, pastor.

**GUNTERSVILLE**—The evangelists were I. S. Crumpton and L. W. Jones. There were thirteen saved, twelve sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost, fourteen baptized in water, and nineteen added to the church.—Rev. A. N. Lee, pastor.

**TENNILLE, Ga.**—God gave us a glorious revival. Fourteen were saved, five sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost. Sister Terry, by the help of God, did some wonderful preaching.—Mrs. Jean Brantley, reporter.

## West Virginia Revivals

**WEYANOKE**—This past year sixty-one were saved, thirty-five sanctified, twenty-four filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty-three baptized in water,

and forty-five added to the church. We built a new church and paid about \$3,500 on it.—R. A. Fielden, pastor.

**CAMPUS**—We closed a very successful revival with thirteen souls saved, four sanctified, and the church in general greatly benefited. Brother Van Browning conducted the revival for us. He certainly gave some wonderful messages under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.—Chelsia Noel, pastor.

**NAUGATUCK**—The revival at Naugatuck has been a success, with fifteen saved and five or six professing sanctification. Pray for us.—E. R. Noel, pastor.

**WILLIAMSTOWN**—We closed a revival here with seventeen saved, five sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water, and five added to the church.—G. L. Berry.

**ISABAN**—I closed a two weeks' revival here with twelve saved, seven sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water, and five taken into the church by Brother C. C. Blevins, of Bradshaw. There are more to be baptized in water and taken into the church. We had a wonderful time in the Lord.—Sister Buchanan, pastor.

—West Virginia Witness.

**WAPANUCKA, Okla.**—A wonderful revival has just closed here, with Brother J. L. Jones as the evangelist. He did some wonderful old-time preaching under the anointing power of God. The people all seemed to enjoy his singing and playing the guitar. This is a new place and the church is young, but we had large crowds nearly every night, the power of God was really with us, and people were slain under His mighty power. There were nine saved, seven sanctified, six filled with the blessed Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. Others say they are going to come into the church. We invite everyone to come and be with us and feel welcome. Also, if any of you Church of God preachers have a chance, stop and give us a visit and preach some for us. We would be very glad for you to do so. We are now building a church house. Pray that we will build up a work here for God.—Rev. J. C. Moore, pastor.



## FISHERS OF MEN

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### VII. FISHERMEN STRING THEIR FISH

They don't leave them out for the cats, dogs and buzzards. Fish left out soon spoil. Every genuine convert should be received into the church. Don't leave them out for the cats, dogs, and vultures to prey on. New-born babes need close attention. You would be foolish to leave your new, tender, weak, delicate but precious little babe out in the weather to see whether he was going to live or not. Newborn babes need tenderest care. The best place for young Christians is in the Church. "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved," Acts 2:47. Fishermen, string your fish, but be careful what you string. You should know your fish. Don't string water dogs, they're good for nothing. There are plenty of water-dog professors, good for nothing. They won't work, tithe, sing, testify, or pray. Don't string snakes. They are both crooked and poisonous. My! how much harm one old crook can do in a church! Don't string tadpoles. They are all head and mouth. That is self-explanatory. So look out for tadpole professors. Finally, I warn you against stringing crawfish. They back up and sit down. When you mention tithing, *Evangel* drive, good mission or orphanage offering, they back up, sit down, and say, "Oh, pastor, we can't do that." Keep a keen watchout for crawfish professors. They will also muddy the stream, and you can't catch fish when the stream is muddy.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS

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with its street lights and the colorful red, blue, and green lights all twinkling like a pattern of sparkling precious stones. To the air-traveler this city is always a welcome sight, and especially at night. Off to the left and to the right, we could see some alternating red and green lights showing other planes circling for their landings, for Miami is one of the greatest world airports and is busy twenty-four hours of the day.

How our hearts warmed at the thought of coming back to the dear old U.S.A.! May this symbol of welcoming lights to the night air-borne wayfarer ever shine out from the "land of the free and the home of

the brave." May it also be a beacon light for mission fields from which missionaries set out to spread the glad tidings of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the lost and dying world, carrying forth the same message that will lead thousands of others, now in darkness, to the security of lying safely in the hollow of His hand for time and eternity.

### Having Success in California

FAIRFIELD, Calif.—Just a brief report of the church in Fairfield since I came here a year ago. We have our foundation for a new building and money in the treasury for the rest of the building. The membership is growing and our Sunday School attendance has tripled since we came. We do thank God for all this. Sister

Holland, of Cleveland, Tennessee, has just closed a very good revival for us. (We are from Chattanooga.)—Rev. W. M. Grant, pastor.

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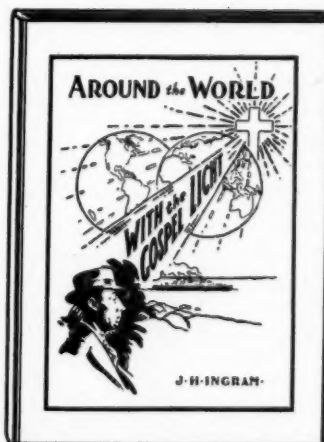
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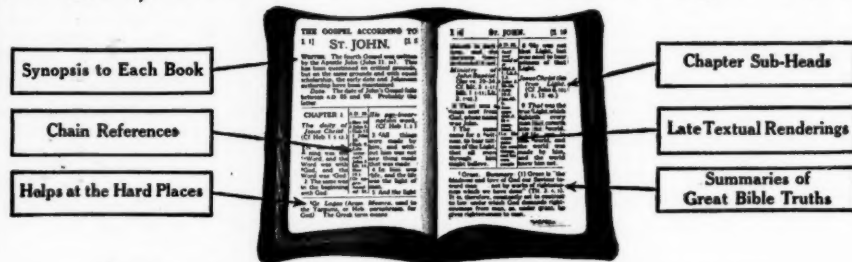
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